

Agricultural Conservation Easement Program - Agricultural Land Easement (ACEP-ALE)
Oregon Parcel Eligibility and Ranking Form

Fiscal Year	
Landowner Name and Address	
Eligible entities names and addresses	
Parcel Location:	Locality (Town/Township):
County:	State:
Are all landowners of record AGI eligible? (Y/N)	
Are all landowners of record HEL eligible? (Y/N)	
Are all landowners of record WC eligible? (Y/N)	
NRCS employee confirming landowner eligibility:	
Name:	Signature:
Is the entity eligible? (Y/N)	
NRCS employee confirming entity eligibility:	
Name:	Signature:
Does the eligible entity have a written pending offer for the parcel? (Y/N)	
NRCS employee confirming written pending offer:	
Name:	Signature:
Does the land (enter a response for each):	
_____ Have 50-percent prime, unique, and important farmland? (Y/N)	
_____ Have historical or archeological resources? (Y/N)	
_____ Protect grazing uses and related conservation values by restoring and conserving land? (Y/N)	
_____ Have land that supports the policy of a State or local farm and ranch land protection program? (Y/N)	
Is the land eligible? (Y/N)	
NRCS employee confirming land eligibility:	
Name:	Signature:

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National Ranking Criteria (Must be 200 points Maximum)		
National Ranking Factors and Scaling	Maximum Points	Points
Percent of prime, unique, and important farmland in the parcel to be protected (0 points for 50 percent or less, 4 points for every percent above 50 percent)	16	
Are landowners a historically underserved group, small scale farmer, limited resource landowner, new or beginning farmer or rancher or veteran landowner (3 points for Yes, 0 points for No)	3	
Percent of cropland, pastureland, grassland, and rangeland in the parcel to be protected (0 points for 33 percent or less, 4 points for 33 percent or less, 8 points for more than 33 percent and less than or equal to 50 percent, 16 points for greater than 50 percent)	16	
Ratio of the total acres of land in the parcel to be protected to average farm size in the county according to the most recent USDA Census of Agriculture (USDA - NASS - Census of Agriculture) (0 points for a ratio of 1 or less, 7 points for ratios of 1.0 to 2.0, 15 points for ratios of greater than 2.0)	15	
Decrease in the percentage of acreage of farm and ranch land in the county in which the parcel is located between the last two USDA Censuses of Agriculture (USDA - NASS - Census of Agriculture) (0 points for decrease of 0 percent or less, 1 points for decreases of 0 to 5 percent, 5 points for decrease of 5 to 10 percent, 9 points for decreases of 10 to 15 percent, 15 points for decreases of more than 15 percent) (National Mandate – 0 points for 0 percent or less)	15	
Percent population growth in the county as documented by the United most recent United States Census (Census Bureau Home Page) (0 points for growth rate of less than the State growth rate, 4 points for growth rate of one to two times the State growth rate, 7 points for growth rate of two to three times the State growth rate, 15 points for growth rate of more than three times the State growth rate) (National Mandate – 0 points growth rate less than the State growth rate)	15	
Population density (population per square mile) as documented by the most recent United States Census (Census Bureau Home Page) (0 points for population density less than the State population density, 4 points for population density of 1 to 2 times the State population density, 7 points for population density of 2 to 3 times the State population density, 15 points for population density of greater than 3 times the State population density)	15	

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Existence of a farm or ranch succession plan or similar plan established to address farm viability for future generations (0 points for no plan, 7 points for a plan, 15 points for plan documented and performed by industry professional)	15	
Proximity of the parcel to other protected land, including military installations (0 points easement offer area (EOA) boundary greater than 3 miles from the protected land boundary, 4 points EOA is greater than 1 miles but less than 3 miles from protected land, 7 points EOA is within 1 mile of protected land boundary, 15 points EOA boundary adjoins protected land boundary)	15	
Proximity of the parcel to other agricultural operations and agricultural infrastructure (0 points if EOA boundary greater than 3 miles in proximity, 4 points if EOA is greater than 1 miles but less than 3 miles in proximity, 7 points EOA is within 1 mile in proximity, 15 points EOA boundary adjoins)	15	
Parcel ability to maximize the protection of contiguous acres devoted to agricultural use (15 points if the parcel links two noncontinuous corridors of protected agricultural use, 6 points parcel expands agricultural use protected area, 0 points parcel does not increase a protected agricultural use area)	15	
Parcel contains historical or archaeological resources that will be protected by easement area (15 points if Yes, 0 points if No)	15	
The grassland in the parcel will benefit from the protection under the long-term easement (15 points if Yes, 0 points if No)	15	
Currently enrolled in CRP in a contract that is set to expire within a year and is grassland that would benefit from protection (15 points for Yes, 0 points for No)	15	
Total Points for National Ranking Factors	200	

State Ranking Factors – Examples

State Ranking Factors (Maximum of 200 Points)

Resource Concerns addressed		
<p>Additional Conservation Value: Local Conservation Priority; Parcel within target area identified within a local priority plan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 70 points if in Conservation Implementation Strategy (CIS) 60 points if in local NRCS Long Range Plan 50 points if in local SWCD Long Range Plan 40 points if in other local government Long Rang Plan 0 points for none of the above <p>Plan identification:</p>	70	
<p>Additional Conservation Value: Proximity of Parcel to other permanently protected local, regional, state and federal lands such as parks, natural areas, forests, and grasslands.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 20 points for within 1/4 mile 15 points for within 1/2 mile 10 points for within 1 mile 5 points for less than 5 miles but greater than 1 mile 0 points for greater than 5 miles away 	20	
<p>Additional Conservation Value: Proximity of the Parcel to other agricultural operations and infrastructure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 20 points for within 1/2 mile 10 points for within 1 miles 5 points for within 5 miles 0 points for greater than 5 miles 	20	
<p>Additional Conservation Value: Parcel is identified as a Historically Significant such as a Century Farm or located on the Oregon Trail</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 40 points if on National or State Historic Register 20 points if parcel holds status as a Oregon Century Farm through the Oregon Department of Agriculture or located on the Oregon Trail 0 points for “no” 	40	
<p>Additional Conservation Value: Farm or Ranch contains ODFW priority habitats</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 50 for ODFW priority habitat exists on farm 30 points for located adjacent to ODFW priority habitat 25 points for located within ½ mile of ODFW priority habitat 0 points for greater than ½ mile to ODFW priority habitat 	50	
Total Score		